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SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S JULY 14 SPEECH ON UN

REF: A. STATE 170841; B. CANBERRA 4674

1. I TOOK UP SUBSTANCE REF A WITH TWO LEADING FONOFF OFFICIALS. THEIR REMARKS CONFIRMED MY IMPRESSION THAT THEY HAD NOT READ THE SECRETARY'S MILWAUKEE SPEECH, BUT RATHER HAD RELIED ON WIRE SERVICE REPORTS WHICH INADEQUATELY REFLECTED SECRETARY'S CAREFUL BALANCE BETWEEN SUPPORT FOR UN AND DEEP CONCERN OVER CURRENT TRENDS WITHIN UN.

2. AS USUAL, WE HAD SUPPLIED FONOFF AND PRESS AND SEVERAL OTHERS WITH FULL TEXT AS SOON AS RECEIVED THROUGH OUR WIRELESS FILE, BUT, AS USUAL, WIRE SERVICES ACCOUNTS BETTER' MET PRESS DEADLINES AND, AS IN THE CASE OF THE AUSTRALIAN EDITORIAL (REF B), SHAPED EDITORIAL OPINION.

3. IT SEEMS TO ME THAT FULL TEXT OF MAJOR PRESIDENTIAL AND SECSTATE SPEECHES OF WORLDWIDE CONSEQUENCE SHOULD BE WIRED BY IMMEDIATE CLASSIFIED (PENDING RELEASE DATE) CABLE JUST IN ADVANCE OF DELIVERY SO THAT BY TIME OF DELIVERY (OR SHORTLY THEREAFTER) THEY ARE IN HANDS OF GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND PRESS. THIS WOULD NOT ONLY COMMAND BETTER ATTENTION, BUT ALSO PRESENT IN TIMELY FASHION THE TEXT RATHER THAN SOMEONE ELSE'S VERSION OF IT.
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